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In re Application of:

Marc O. SCHURR et al.

Application No.: 09/957,451

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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on April 18, 2006, the statutory three-month period for response extending through July 18, 2006, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the claim amendment section of this paper.